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DELIVER TO:

NAME: Examiner Jakleda R. Jackson TELECOPY PHONE NUMBER: (571) 273-8300
Group Art Unit 2655

COMPANY: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office VERIFICATION NUMBER: _____

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S&J OPERATOR'S NAME: Katie Lee TELEPHONE NUMBER: (202) 828-3631

CLIENT/CASE NUMBER: 28951.4056

FROM:

NAME: Stuart T. F. Huang

REQUEST MADE ON DATE: 8/19/05 TIME: 4:53 PM

COMPLETION REQUIRED BY DATE: 8/19/05 TIME: ASAP

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Re: Request for Interview
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/745,795

Dear Examiner Jackson:

Enclosed is an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form requesting a personal interview on August 25, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/745,795 First Named Applicant: Yasuki Iizuka
 Examiner: Jakieda R. Jackson Art Unit: 2655 Status of Application: Under Non-Final
Rejection

Tentative Participants:

(1) Stuart Huang (2) _____
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: August 25, 2005 Proposed Time: 4:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [] Telephonic (2) [x] Personal (3) [] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [] YES [x] NO
 If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

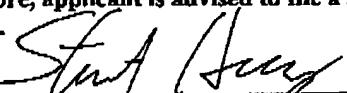
| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims/ Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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| (1) <u>¶ 5</u> | <u>1-2, 4-5, 7-8</u> | <u>5,963,893</u> <u>5,963,893</u> | [] | [] | [] |
| (2) <u>¶ 7</u> | <u>3, 10-17</u> | <u>6,173,253</u> | [] | [] | [] |
| (3) <u>¶ 8</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>6,098,035</u> | [] | [] | [] |
| (4) <u>¶ 9</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>All the above</u> | [] | [] | [] |
| [x] Continuation Sheet Attached | | | | | |

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Use of character joint probabilities is patentably distinct over the cited art

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.
 NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.


 Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Stuart T. F. Huang
 Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

34,184
 Registration Number, if applicable

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.133. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Continuation of Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues | Claims/Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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| (5) ¶10 | 19 | 5,852,801 | [] | [] | [] |